

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A metal **load bearing** cord comprising at least two metal strands **adapted to bear a tensile load**, said metal strands comprising twisted metal filaments, wherein at least one of said strands comprises a weld part wherein **the at least one of said strands said-strand** is interrupted and welded together, wherein ~~the~~ **an** elongation at rupture of **the at least one of said strands said-strand** at said weld part is at least 30% of ~~the~~ **an** elongation at rupture of **the at least one of said strands said-strand** away from said weld part.
2. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein ~~a~~ **the** force of rupture of **the at least one of said strands said-strand** at said weld part is more than 30% of ~~a~~ **the** force at rupture of **the at least one of said strands said-strand** away from said weld part.
3. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein ~~a~~ **the** diameter at the weld part is less than 1.2 times the optical strand diameter of **the at least one of said strands said-strand** away from said weld part.
4. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein for each radial cross-section of said metal cord, at least one of said metal strands is not welded.
5. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein for each radial cross-section of said metal cord, only one **of said strands metal-strand** is welded.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~A metal cord as in claim 5,~~ **A metal cord comprising at least two metal strands, said metal strands comprising twisted metal filaments, wherein at least one of said strands comprises a weld part wherein the at least one of said strands is interrupted and welded together, wherein the elongation at rupture of the at least one of said strands at said weld part is at least 30% of the elongation at rupture of the at least one of said strands away from said weld part,** wherein ~~said metal cord comprises a the~~ welded part ~~with~~ **includes** a welded part length, ~~wherein the other of the said at least two~~

~~strands is not welded in said welded part~~, wherein said welded part length is at least 2.5 times a lay length of said metal cord.

7. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein an optical cord diameter of said metal cord is less than 14mm.

8. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 7, wherein the optical cord diameter of said metal cord is less than 2.5mm.

9. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein an optical strand diameter of said metal strands is less than 5mm.

10. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 9, wherein the optical strand diameter of said metal strands is less than 0.9mm.

11. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein a diameter of said filaments is smaller than 1.15mm.

12. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 11, wherein the diameter of said filaments is smaller than 0.25mm.

13. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein said metal cord is a steel cord.

14. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein a ~~the~~ force at rupture of said metal cord ~~in~~ at said weld part is at least 50% of a ~~the~~ force at rupture of said metal cord away from said weld part.

15. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the elongation at rupture of said metal cord ~~in~~ at said weld part is at least 80% of the elongation at rupture of said metal cord away from said weld part.

16. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer, comprising the metal cord according to claim 1.

17. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is an elevator belt.

18. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a timing belt.

19. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a hoisting cable.

20. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a reinforced rubber belt.

21. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a hoisting belt.

22. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a control cable.

23. (Previously Presented) A reinforced polymer as claimed in claim 16, wherein said reinforced polymer is a window elevator cable.

24. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein all filaments of the interrupted strand in the weld part are interrupted filaments that are welded together.

25. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the weld part comprises two strand ends that have been welded together.

26. (Previously Presented) A metal cord as in claim 25, wherein the two strand ends are welded face to face.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~A metal cord as in claim 1,~~ **A metal cord comprising at least two metal strands, said metal strands comprising twisted metal filaments, wherein at least one of said strands comprises a weld part, wherein the at least one of said strands is interrupted and welded together, wherein the elongation at rupture of the at least one of said strands at said weld part is at least 30% of the elongation at rupture of the at**

least one of said strands away from said weld part, wherein a lay length of the at least one of said strands ~~said strand~~ in said weld part is less than a lay length of the at least one of said strands ~~said strand~~ away from said weld part.

28. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of the at least one of said strands ~~said strand~~ in said weld part is less than 75% of the lay length of the at least one of said strands ~~said strand~~ away from said weld part.

29. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of the at least one of said strands ~~said strand~~ in said weld part is less than 65% of the lay length of the at least one of said strands ~~said strand~~ away from said weld part.

30. (Currently Amended) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the lay length of the at least one of said strands ~~said strand~~ in said weld part is less than 50% of the lay length of the at least one of said strands ~~said strand~~ away from said weld part.

31. (New) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein all filaments of the interrupted strand in the weld part are interrupted filaments that are welded together.

32. (New) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the weld part comprises two strand ends that have been welded together.

33. (New) A metal cord as in claim 27, wherein the two strand ends are welded face to face.

34. (New) A metal cord as in claim 1, wherein the weld part includes a welded part length, wherein another of the said at least two strands is not welded proximate said weld part, wherein said welded part length is at least 2.5 times a lay length of said metal cord.

35. (New) A metal cord as in claim 6, wherein another of the said at least two strands is not welded proximate said weld part.